Mr.P. Nilakanta Menon.—Two or three months.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—And you will not be able to say whether he is fit or not?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is too early. There are others also. It can be said finally only after three months when the training is over.

Pulaya Peon—Pazhayannur Hospital.

146. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) whether a Pulaya, who was appointed recently as a peon in the Hospital, Pazhayannur, resigned his post the second day after his joining duty there ;

(2) whether the Medical Department has made any enquiry on his immediate resignation ;

(3) whether the Department has received any complaint from the Pulaya ;

(4) whether the Department knows that he was forced to resign his post owing to the unsympathetic treatment he received from the doctor in charge of the Hospital ;

(5) who the doctor is and also what his caste is ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes (Thotti).

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) It is understood that he resigned the post and went away due to his inconvenience for boarding and lodging.

(5) Mr. P. A. Rama Ayyar—*Brahmin*.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—(3) What was the complaint from the thotti?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He said he was frightened to live there. There is a series of complaints, that the medical officer was not sympathetic, that it was difficult to find food that he will be killed if he lived there.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has the Chief Medical Officer made any inquiry on the allegation that the doctor was not sympathetic towards the thotti?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—What is the result of the inquiry?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He has denied the allegation. Still proceedings are going on.

Accommodation—General Hospital.

147. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following questions:—

(a) have the Government received any complaint about any untoward incident that took place on 20th Chingam 1107 in the Maternity Section of the General Hospital, Ernakulam;

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